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**NJ COUNTY OPTION HOSPITAL FEE PILOT PROGRAM  
PROGRAM NOTICE AS OF AUGUST 7, 2020**

**PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING CLARIFICATIONS AND ADJUSTEMENTS BEING PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO FEEDBACK FROM ELIGIBLE COUNTY OPTION PARTICIPANTS:**

**TIMELINE:**

Counties must submit their Fee & Expenditure Report and accompanying schedules: Data Forms, Preliminary DSH Calculations and Attestations, no later than November 13 for a potential program effective date of July 1, 2021. This potential effective date is contingent on a number of factors, including but not limited to Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approval.

All subsequent submission dates will be determined at a later date.

**DATA FORM:**

The requirement to provide data on a State Fiscal Year basis has been removed, allowing participants to use 2018 Medicare Cost Report figures as requested by a number of Counties. Hospitals will be required to submit the source material that was used to complete the data fields and as outlined on the data form.

**ENCOUNTER DATA REQUEST:**

DMAHS will make Medicaid MCO inpatient and outpatient encounter data available to eligible program participants before August 28 to aid in modeling. This encounter data will contain service dates 1/1/2018-12/31/2019 with payment dates between 1/1/2018-6/30/2020. While this data may be useful for modeling purposes, please note that data for 2019 in particular will not reflect all services provided during the calendar year due to normal delays in service claim submission and the reporting of this data. Participants should account for the fact that more recent data understates total payments when building their financial models. Actual payments under this program may vary from stakeholder internal modeling, regardless of the data source.